

Services, and the Department of Agriculture to determine the eligibility of a patent for extension and to determine the period of any such extension. The applicant can apply for patent term and interim extensions, petition the PTO to review final eligibility decisions, and withdraw patent term extensions. If there are multiple patents, the applicant can designate which patents should be extended. An applicant can also declare their eligibility to apply for a patent term extension.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, federal government, and state, local, or tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Maya A. Bernstein, (202) 395-3785.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to Maya A. Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Permits for Incidental Taking of Endangered or Threatened Species.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0230.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,068 hours.

Number of Respondents: 21.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 80 hours for permits; 30 minutes for certificates; 8 hours for permit reports; and, 10 hours for watershed plans.

Needs and Uses: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits the taking of endangered species. Section 10 of the ESA allows for certain exceptions to the prohibitions, such as a taking that would be incidental to an otherwise lawful activity. The corresponding regulations provide application and reporting requirements for such exemptions. The required information is used to evaluate the proposed activity (application) and ongoing activities (reports) and is necessary for the National Marine Fisheries Service to ensure the conservation of the species under the ESA.

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Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 41-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 50—Long Beach, California Application for Subzone Status Rauch Industries, Inc. (Distribution of Consumer Goods) Mira Loma, California

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Port of Long Beach, grantee of FTZ 50, requesting special-

purpose subzone status for the consumer goods distribution facility of Rauch Industries, Inc., located in Mira Loma, California. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on August 20, 1998.

The Rauch facility (880,000 sq. ft. on 42 acres) is located at 11640 Harrell Street, Mira Loma, California, some 50 miles northeast of Long Beach. The facility (56 employees) is used for storage, inspection, packaging and distribution of a wide variety of consumer products such as table top, giftware and decorative accessories, seasonal products, flatware, hollowware, picture frames and photo albums, glassware, woodenware, ceramics, housewares, basket work, decorative textile items such as wall hangings and banners, music boxes, and jewelry. Plant activity also includes the occasional packaging or assembly of products into kits, but no authority is being sought for activity conducted under FTZ procedures that would result in a change in tariff classification.

Zone procedures would exempt Rauch from Customs duty payments on foreign products that are reexported. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to defer duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ staff has been appointed examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is October 27, 1998. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to November 12, 1998).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, US&FCS Acting Director—Mary Delmege, One World Trade Center, #1670, Long Beach, California 90831
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room